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FISH ARRIVALS COME SLOWLY

Only One Halibuter and Two Deck Handliners Here Today.

Arrivals continue to come along very slowly at this port, there having been but three of the off shore fleet to reach here since last report. Yesterday afternoon, sch. Preceptor arrived with a small trip of fresh halibut, and this morning two of the deck handliners, sch. W. H. Moody and sch. William H. Rider, are in.

The Moody has a fine catch of 65,000 pounds of salt cod and the Rider also has a good trip, 40,000 pounds of salt cod. Fresh herring showed up for the first time since last Monday, the boats and torchers bringing over 100 barrels this morning, with more expected before noon.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Preceptor, halibuting, 10,000 lbs. halibut, 7000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. W. H. Moody, eastern deck handlining, 65,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. William H. Rider, Georges, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
Boats and torchers, 100 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Agnes, via Portland, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Etta B, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.
Sch. Indiana, Newfoundland salt herring trip.
Sch. Lafayette, pollocking.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, pollocking.
Sch. Norman Fisher, pollocking.
Sch. Eglantine, pollocking.
Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges.
Sch. Carrie C., Georges.
Sch. Moananan, haddocking.
Sch. Electric Flash, deck handlining.
Sch. Niagara, halibuting.

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Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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Landing Cod at Bangor.

Sch. Lizzie Griffin of Bucksport, Me., formerly of this port, is landing a Grand Bank fare at Bangor, Me., the first fare of salt cod ever landed at that port.

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MACKEREL ON WESTERN BANK

Immense Schools Seen There on Monday.

Capt. Thomas M. Somers of sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., at Boston yesterday, reported that last Monday, while he was on Western Banks, he met with immense schools of mackerel. For three hours the O'Hara sailed through the schools and in 25 miles which he sailed over before losing the mackerel, Capt. Somers says he met with more of these fish than he had ever seen before at one time.

Capt. Enos Nickerson of the knock-about Pontiac also saw the mackerel, but much further to the west than those met by Capt. Somers. Wednesday night, as he was on his way to Boston, he passed a large school of mackerel about eight miles northwest of Highland light. Capt. Nickerson feels sure that there are still some mackerel left down that way and on the Channel grounds, as in one of the big fish taken on a trawl by one of his men, he found a large mackerel, which the larger fish had bitten in two, and swallowed half.

The fishermen in the provinces are losing no opportunity to get mackerel while they last on the shores, and yesterday morning they had 136 barrels of their fresh-caught mackerel on the Yarmouth steamer for the Boston market. A few mackerel are also coming from the traps on Cape Cod, but not enough to figure much in the market.

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Nova Scotia Fish Market.

The Halifax Chronicle prints the following special on dry fish market conditions:

"Bad weather of late has caused an easing off in arrivals, and also has made it difficult to cure the later trips of the bankers. Last arrivals of the fleet are reported with from 500 to 600 quintals, and an American banker has just reported at Sydney with 500,000 pounds, said to be the largest single fare ever taken. This shows that fish still continue abundant on the regular grounds, and it would have paid the bulk of the fleet to have made another trip after their summer catch was landed.

"The French steam trawlers are leaving for home with full fares. This grade of fish is now seriously affecting the Mediterranean and Spanish markets, where it is sold very low in competition with Green Labrador. Icelandic fish are also making headway in Portugal and Spain, and will be a factor to be considered in the near future. The market on the whole, is in a fairly firm condition, and while the export demand is not as good as it might be, exporters are content to stand pat and await the Lenten demand. Distributing orders are small and unsatisfactory.

"While the bulk of the bank cure is in the hands of the exporters very little of it has been marketed, and the prospects for a remunerative season in this cure are not too good. Newfoundland is offering large quantities of heavy salted Labrador for Porto Rico and Cuba. As this is the only market this grade can be worked off in, it will seriously affect the exporters of bank cure."

Fish Scrap Caused Pungent Odor.

The source of a very powerful and pungent odor noticeable on Commercial street, Portland, Wednesday afternoon, particularly in the vicinity of the custom house and Randall & McAllister wharves, was discovered to be on the fishing steamer John L. Lawrence, which was lying at the latter dock on her way from Round Pond to Philadelphia. She had on board 200 tons of fish scrap bound to the fertilizer works at Philadelphia, and as the fish comprised in the heap had been caught over two years ago the smell arising therefrom was something out of the ordinary. The steamer is owned by the Fisheries Company of Tiverton, R. I., and has been engaged the past season in the menhaden fishery, cruising between Cape Henry and Montauk, and has to her credit this year a catch of over 60,000 barrels, all of which has been delivered at the company's works at the Delaware breakwater. Years ago the menhaden fishery was a profitable industry along the Maine coast, but for some unknown reason the fish disappeared from these waters and have never returned in any great quantities.

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SHORE FISH SOLD AT \$5

Small Supply of Cod and Haddock at Boston.

T wharf has only a baker's dozen of arrivals this morning and five of these are pollockers. Outside of one fare of 24,000 pounds of these kind of fish, the largest fare in is only 15,000 pounds and although it is Friday, a dull market day generally, still new shore fish met at \$5 market.

Hake and pollock also went well at from \$1 to \$1.25 and the handful of fish there ought to be cleaned up in a very few hours.

Schs. Warren M. Goodspeed, Elva L. Spurling and Annie Perry with about 15,000 pounds each are in for good financial returns from quick trips.

The storm Tuesday interfered with the smelt fishermen, and yesterday morning the quantity received from them was rather small. The smelt season is scarcely on yet, however, and the dealers look for days when the fish will fall short, and look forward to the beginning of next month when the smelts will come frozen and in large quantities.

Scallops are also short, but those that come here both from Maine, where the sea scallops are got, and from the Cape, where the smaller ones are caught, are fine in quality.

The receipts this morning in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. W. H. Clement, 5000 cod.
Sch. On Time, 1600 cod.
Sch. Topsail Girl, 2100 haddock, 1600 cod, 4000 hake, 9000 pollock.
Sch. Pauline, 24,000 pollock.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. Annie Perry, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. Jubilee, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Good Luck, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 800 haddock, 100 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, 11,000 pollock.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 500 cusk, 500 pollock.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7500 haddock, 800 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. Lydia, 1000 haddock, 500 cod.
Haddock, \$4.80 to \$5 per cwt.; cod, \$4.80 to \$5; pollock, \$1.15 to \$1.25; hake, \$1 to \$2.

Portland Fish Notes.

The herring fleet was in on Wednesday morning with good fares, nearly 1000 barrels being landed, of which 300 barrels were shipped by the Portland Cold Storage Company to Eastport. The season will last only a short time longer as the canneries are obliged by law to cease operations on Dec. 1.

The Wednesday herring receipts were: Steamer Dolphin 112 barrels, steamer Pet 179 barrels, steamer Elthier 130 barrels, steamer E. N. Brown 96 barrels, sloop Four Brothers 58 barrels, sloop Bennie 57 barrels, sloop Laconia 88 barrels, sloop Nellie G. York 36 barrels.

Sch. Margie Turner had 17,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Fanny Hayden 3000 pounds.

Smelts Coming to Boston.

The invoices of barreled smelts at Boston from Prince Edward Island are still coming, and the fish are improving with each shipment, and with express freight to carry them reached market fresh and bright. Yesterday morning 22 barrels of fine smelts were received. The smelts from Maine are also coming in large quantities and in excellent condition, and yesterday the dealers got from there 20 boxes of nice ones, most of them large and fat.

Mackerel Shortening Up.

While fresh mackerel receipts are beginning to shorten up, and there are only a few being taken in the provinces, and none about here, the fishermen in New Brunswick are beginning to call upon the fish they put into freezers while mackerel were plenty and cheap to send to Boston. Yesterday morning a car load of frozen mackerel arrived at Boston, which will be put on the market to supply those who still crave fresh mackerel. The fish are in good condition and look like new.

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TEXAS FISH OUTPUT.

The annual report of R. H. Wood, fish commissioner of Texas, has been filed with the governor. The output of fish was as follows:

Galveston, 91,130 barrels; Matagorda, 287,430; Palacios, 20,865; Rockport, 702,118; Corpus Christi, 690,503; Port Lavaca, 389,090; Isabel, 755,195; Liberty, 222,563; Brazoria, 200; Houston, 162,890. Totals, 3,321,984. The total tax on fish was \$3321.

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Some Recent Good Stocks and Shares.

The crew of sch. Walter P. Goulart of this port, which was at Boston to market on Tuesday shared \$50 as the result of just two sets of her trawls.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Capt. Thomas Downey, stocked \$2550 on her recent eastern shack trip, the crew sharing \$66.40 clear.

Sch. Lillian, Capt. C. Clarence Malone, stocked \$1560 on her recent eastern shack trip, the crew sharing \$30 clear.

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Herring Notes.

Schs. Avalon, Oriole and Aloha are all ready to sail on Newfoundland herring trips, and will probably sail today.

Will Take Vacation.

Capt. Thomas Downey of sch. Fannie E. Prescott will now take a vacation ashore and go on a visit to his relatives in Nova Scotia.

Salt Cod Fare Sold.

The fare of salt bank cod of sch. Mabel D. Hines sold to George Perkins & Son.

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ANOTHER DAY OF LIGHT FARES

Sch. Esperanto Will Make Good Stock.

This is another morning of light arrivals, indeed no vessels came in during the night. Yesterday afternoon the netting steamer Quoddy arrived with her usual fare of fresh fish, which were shipped to Boston, and sch. Esperanto came from Boston with 85,000 pounds of fresh cod for the splitters. This craft took out about 60,000 pounds of cod at Boston, so she is in for a fine stock. The torchers had a poor night and early this morning only 40 barrels of herring had been landed, though more are expected later.

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Esperanto, via Boston, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Almeida, via Boston.

Boats and torchers, 40 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Richard, via Provincetown.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Thalia, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Claudia, Newfoundland salt herring trip.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Mina Swim, deck handlining.

Sch. Aloha, Newfoundland, salt herring.

Sch. Dora Lawson, deck handlining.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Grayling was at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday and cleared.

Sch. Yakima will now haul up for a while and after New Years will engage in fresh halibuting under command of her present skipper, Capt. Robert Wharton.

After a very successful Georges halibut fishing season, Capt. John G. Stream has hauled sch. Kineo up for a while.

Capt. C. Clarence Malone of sch. Lillian will now remain ashore for a trip and the vessel will continue shacking under command of Capt. William Esler.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage is fitting for market fishing, under command of Capt. Freeman Larkin.

Sch. Massachusetts was at North Sydney, C. B., Tuesday for harbor and supplies.

Newburyport Fishermen Had Nets Torn.

Several of the Newburyport fishermen got their nets badly torn Wednesday near the mouth of the river on account of the rough bottom.

Joseph Lalumiere set his gill net Wednesday from the north jetty across the channel. Tugs Powow and Hazel Dell came into port with the large Corbin and ran through the net, a large portion of it catching on the barge's rudder.

The seine came up the river thus attached, and yesterday morning the owner was engaged in trying to save his property, but without much success.

Herring at Newburyport.

The Consumers' Fresh Fish Co. received 35 barrels of herring Thursday morning. The Merrimac river is full of small herring and in consequence a large flock of gulls are getting their fill.

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MADE THREE DORY HANDLINE TRIPS.

Sch. Maxine Elliott
Stocked \$21,000 on
700,200 Pounds Cod.

Sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Thomas Benham, of the salt bank dory handline codfishing fleet of this port, has just completed a very successful, and in some respects, a remarkable season. Since spring, the craft has made three trips dory handlining, bringing home in all, the fine total of 700,200 pounds of salt cod, making the splendid stock of \$21,000, one of the best of the bank codfishing fleet.

It is not often that a vessel makes three dory handline trips in one season. This season, Capt. Benham was successful in so doing, being one of the three of the fleet to try it, schs. Arkona and Harry A. Nickerson being the other two.

On these three trips, the high line fisherman of the crew, Ernest Holmes, took \$537 for his season's work, while the boy, Lango Copeland, made \$326, which is certainly good money. The average share was about \$415.

Capt. Benham is a young and hustling skipper, who has been steadily coming to the front and by hard work and judgment, has fairly won his place in the front rank of master mariners of the salt codfishing fleet.

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Clark's Harbor, N. S., Fish Notes.

Dr. J. H. Melanson, who built a glue factory at Port Saxon last year, has complained to the fisheries department that the Nelson took for the rendering works at Clark's Harbor, all the fish heads, etc., that he depended on for glue stock. He offered about half the price paid at the above works.

The lobster season begins in four weeks from date, and the men are now making ready. A start for the island stations is now on. Steamer Hugh D. took a lot of gear hence to Seal island on Wednesday, to be followed shortly by the owners in their power boats to fix up the houses and find the ballast for traps.

"Sandy" Phillips, one of the fishing contingent, who went from here to Vancouver last summer, sends the Coast Guard a picture of his ship in her dock, and writes he is doing pretty well. "At any rate," he says, "I am anchored here for the next eight or 10 years."

Last week, herring in great numbers were observed swarming close inshore at the landings. Nets stretched between the wharves enclosed quite a school, but the fish were too small for the mesh, and none were stopped. Since lobster bait has run short on the New Brunswick shore, our men must plan to stock up with home catches of this sardine size next year. It can be done.

It is reported that three leading fish firms, C. Robin Collas Co., A. G. Jones & Co. of Halifax, and the Atlantic Fish Co., Lunenburg, are about to form a merger of their several interests. The first named company has stock in the steam trawler Wren.

Pensacola Fish Notes.

The Warren Fish Co., of Pensacola, Fla., are seriously considering what steps to take in securing the release of their fishing schooner, the Caldwell H. Colt, which was illegally seized by the Mexican Government and now detained at Progreso. For five or six weeks the company have been deprived of the use of their vessel, which at the high prices now being obtained for fish from the gulf would net them a big sum of money. It is likely that they will take up the subject with the secretary of the state, with a view of seeing what redress they can secure. Dr. J. Harris Pierpont, of Pensacola, was in Mexico City last week, having gone there in connection with the seizure of the fishing vessel. He is a son-in-law of the president of the Warren Fish Co. Dr. Pierpont says that the captain of the Caldwell H. Colt, at the preliminary hearing in Progreso testified that a heavy storm drove the vessel in the Yucatan Channel, near the Alacran reef, and he went into calm water to make certain repairs. The captain says that when the vessel was sailing out the seizure occurred. He further testified that they were not fishing at the time.

The new fishing smack Wallace McDonald, of Pensacola, Fla., has been equipped with a 20-horse-power engine. The vessel is owned by E. E. Saunders & Co., and headed for the snapper banks a few days ago.

The fishing smack Priscilla, after being out only a couple of days, hauled in 20,000 pounds of red snappers which were landed at Pensacola, Fla., last Thursday.

Portland Fish Notes.

It is reported again that the veteran lighthouse tender Geranium is to be broken up and replaced by a new steamer. This will undoubtedly be done some time or other, but in all probability we shall have the old boat with us for some time longer.

In addition to the large quantities of herring being shipped from here daily to the Eastport canneries sch. Emma F. Chase was chartered Thursday to proceed to the Kennebec to load about 1000 barrels for Lubec and Eastport.

Thursday proved another big day for fish arrivals as four vessels came into port with average fares while one vessel came in with 10,000 pounds but did not sell. The vessels which sold to the local market were sch. Albert W. Black, 3000 pounds of mixed fish; sch. Eva and Mildred, 10,000 pounds of mixed fish; sch. Gertrude Roosevelt, 4000 pounds of mixed fish and sch. Margie Turner, 10,000 pounds of mixed fish. Sch. Evelyn Thompson came in with 10,000 pounds but did not sell.

Beside these the following fares came in; sch. A. P. Parkhurst, 1000 pounds; sloop Minerva, 2000 pounds; sloop Crusader, 2500 pounds.

The herring boat brought in the following fares, steamer Pet, 177 barrels; steamer Elthier, 46 barrels; steamer Dolphin, 97 barrels; sloop Bennie, 21 barrels; sloop Four Brothers, 39 barrels; sloop Nellie York, 24 barrels; sloop Laconia, 38 barrels.